

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully submits that the patent application that the Applicant originally filed in the Patent and Trademark Office (relating to integrated circuit (IC) design verification) was apparently erroneously combined with a patent application for a different invention by a different inventor (relating to a connector device). To remove the erroneously incorporated references to the connector device the Applicant is cancelling the specification, abstract, drawings, and claims of the currently pending patent application, and submitting a corrected substitute specification, abstract, drawings and claims directed solely to the Applicant's invention relating to integrated (IC) design verification.

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to cancel the currently pending specification, abstract, drawings and claims. The Applicant does not have a copy of the currently pending specification abstract, drawings and claims in which the Applicant's invention has been erroneously combined with a different invention by a different inventor (relating to a connector device). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the corrected substitute specification, abstract, drawings and claims that are attached to this Response.

Statement Regarding Declaration

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to retain the Declaration (oath) of Mr. Hal C. McCown of Fort Worth, Texas and strike any other declarations or oaths from the record.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Enablement

On Page 3 of the June 30, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims of the patent application (Claims 1-8 and Claims 1-20) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. In response, the Applicant has submitted corrected substitute specification, abstract, drawings, and claims that have no reference to an invention relating to a connector device. Previous claims (Claims 1-8) that were directed to an invention relating to a connector device no longer appear in the patent application. No new matter has been added as a result of the submission of the corrected substitute specification, abstract, drawings, and claims.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the corrected substitute specification, abstract, drawings, and claims submitted in this Response overcome the enablement rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 set forth in the Office Action of June 30, 2005.

The Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's Claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of Claims 1-20 is respectfully requested.

The Applicant's attorney has made the amendments and arguments set forth above in order to place this Application in condition for allowance. In the alternative, the Applicant's attorney has made the amendments and arguments to properly frame the issues for appeal. In this Amendment, the Applicant makes no admission concerning any now moot rejection or objection, and affirmatively deny any position, statement or averment of the Examiner that was not specifically addressed herein.

SUMMARY

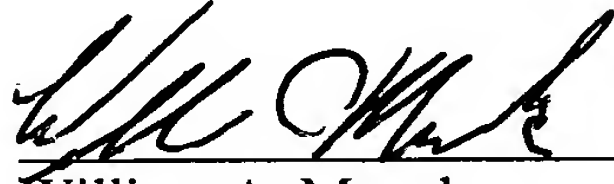
Entry of the amendments in this Response is respectfully requested. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting prosecution of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *wmunck@davismunck.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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